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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
Eiji UEKAWA, et al.	)	Examiner: Unassigned
Application No.: Unassigned	)	Group Art Unit: Unassigned
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For: IMAGE HEATING APPARATUS	)	October 20, 2003

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

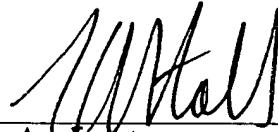
In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the issuance of a first Office Action on the merits. Therefore, no fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)(2) is believed due. Nevertheless, the Commissioner may charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205, should any fee be due for filing this paper.

Applicants request that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		<b>5,149,941</b>	<b>9/22/1992</b>	<b>Hirabayashi, et al.</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>216</b>	
		<b>5,262,834</b>	<b>11/16/1993</b>	<b>Kusaka, et al.</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>285</b>	
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		<b>4-44075</b>	<b>10/22/2003</b>	<b>Japan</b>			<b>Abst.</b>
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		<b>4-204980</b>	<b>7/27/1992</b>	<b>Japan</b>			<b>Abst.</b>
OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)							
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